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SUBJECT: STIMULATING MOVEMENT ON VAROSHA

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1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON D-PARTMENT COUNSELOR NIMETZ JULY 13 FOR BRIEFING ON NIMETZ-LEONARD DISCUSSION OF VAROSHA ISSUE WITH UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM JULY 12.

2. NIMETZ TOLD ESENBEL HE HAD PRESENTED TURKISH PROPOSAL TO WALDHEIM AND TOLD HIM THE GOT BELIEVED HE SHOULD ISSUE THE PROPOSAL AS HIS OWN AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD
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IMMEDIATELY SUPPORT HIM. THE USG BELIEVED THIS WAS A MAJOR INITIATIVE AND SUPPORTED THE GOT'S APPROACH. WALDHEIM, WHO HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY AIDES, REVIEWED THE PAPER, AND NOTED HE FOUND ONLY ONE SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM. WALDHEIM SAID THE IDEA OF A TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION WAS TOO COMPLICATED AND WOULD NOT WORK. HE INDICATED TURKS SHOULD TRUST UN TO ADMINISTER AREA PROPERLY. NIMETZ SAID THIS

SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH GOT.

3. WALDHEIM INDICATED HE FELT HE COULD NOT MOVE WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING WITH GREEK CYPRIOTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS UNDERSTANDING WITH BOTH SIDES THAT TALKS WOULD ONLY BE

RECONVENED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. WALDHEIM AGREED WITH OUR ASSESSMENT THAT GOC WOULD NOT ACCEPT PROPOSAL AND CERTAINLY NOT AGREE TO ANYTHING PRIOR TO THE EMBARGO VOTE. IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST, WE TOLD WALDHEIM WE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO AGREE TO HIS GIVING THE TURKISH PAPER TO THE GOC. NIMETZ SAID HE ENCOURAGED WALDHEIM TO TALK WITH GOT. WALDHEIM SAID HE WOULD DEAL THROUGH TURKISH UN AMBASSADOR TURKMEN.

4. NIMETZ SAID HIS ASSESSMENT IS THAT WALDHEIM, WHO IS NORMALLY CAUTIOUS AND LIKES TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS PRIOR TO TAKING INITIATIVES, WILL NOT MOVE DECISIVELY, PARTICULARLY SINCE HE KNOWS KYPRIANOU IS OPPOSED TO TALKS AT THIS TIME. THERE IS ALSO A SCHEDULE PROBLEM IN THAT WALDHEIM WILL BE IN SUDAN WEEK OF JULY 17; THEN THERE MAY BE A UNSC DEBATE ON NAMIBIA, AND IN AUGUST WALDHEIM HAS A HEAVY TRAVEL SCHEDULE.

5. NIMETZ SAID HE TOLD WALDHEIM THAT IF HE DOES NOT INDICATE

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CATE WITHIN A SHORT TIME THAT HE WISHES TO TAKE ACTION ON VAROSHA PAPER, TURKISH SIDE MAY ISSUE PROPOSAL ITSELF. NIMETZ TOLD ESENBEL THAT GOT SHOULD DO NOTHING FOR A FEW DAYS TO GIVE WALDHEIM TIME TO REVIEW THE ISSUE. HE PROMISED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ESENBEL. ESENBEL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PROPOSAL BE REVEALED TO GOC, WHICH COULD DESTROY THE INITIATIVE. NIMETZ SAID HE HAD STRONGLY URGED WALDHEIM TO DISCUSS THE PAPER WITH THE TURKS, EVEN ECEVIT IF NECESSARY, BUT NOT WITH THE GREEKS OR GREEK CYPRIOTS AT THIS TIME. NIMETZ SAID HE BELIEVES THAT WALDHEIM MAY, EVEN IF NOT CALLING FOR TALKS, AT LEAST ISSUE A POSITIVE COMMENT, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT HE WILL DO.

6. ESENBEL INDICATED GOT WOULD PROBABLY WANT DENKTASH TO ISSUE PROPOSAL SHOULD WALDHEIM DECIDE NOT TO ACT QUICKLY. ESENBEL SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO ANKARA AND ENDORSE OUR SUGGESTION THAT WE WAIT A FEW DAYS TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTION WALDHEIM WILL TAKE, THEN DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED, PARTICULARLY TIMING OF ANY ANNOUNCEMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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